Navigation lights on sailing vessels – 7 metres to 20 metres



Vessels underway*

Sailing vessels of more than 7 metres in length and less than 20 metres in length shall exhibit:

- Combined lantern, that is at or near the top of the mast and incorporates sidelights and stern light; or
- Separate sidelights and stern light.



Optional lights

A sailing vessel of any length, which is fitted with sidelights and a stern light (but not a combined lantern) may, in addition, carry two all round lights in a vertical line at or near the top of the mast. The upper light shall be red and lower green.



Vessels at anchor - under 50 metres

Vessels less than 50 metres in length at anchor, shall exhibit an all round white light placed where it may best be seen. Anchor lights must always be shown from sunset to sunrise. If you are at anchor or in a busy area, then show additional lights to ensure you are seen and keep a good watch.

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^{*}Sailing vessels while underway (being motor driven) shall exhibit navigation lights applicable to power driven vessels.